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## **Secretary Norton Appoints Members to BLM Advisory Council**

Anchorage-Interior Secretary Gale Norton has announced the appointment of 6 members to the Alaska Resource Advisory Council Body to advise the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on public land issues in Alaska.

New members include Barbara Fullmer with CononcoPhillips and Scott Christopher Hala with Alaska Outdoor Access Alliance; both are from Anchorage. Reappointed members are Tom Crafford with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (Anchorage), Sandra Key with the Nature Conservancy of Alaska (Anchorage), Jim Posey with the Municipality of Anchorage and Charlie Boddy with Usibelli Coal Mine (Fairbanks).

The 15-person council includes a cross section of Alaskans representing energy, tourism, recreation, conservation, Alaska Natives and the public at large. Members come from different backgrounds and represent diverse interest and are dedicated to building consensus on public land issues. Lately, the council has addressed land use planning in east Alaska and the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, off highway vehicle use and withdrawal issues.

The council meets four times a year with an upcoming meeting scheduled for October 13-14 at the BLM's Campbell Creek Science Center. All council meetings are open to the public and include a public comment period. For more information contact Danielle Allen at 907.271.3335.

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